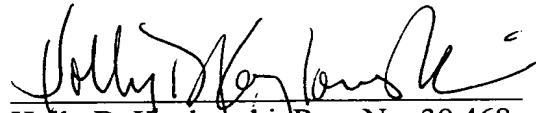


REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Official Action dated April 2, 2003, which indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for two formal matters, namely providing an abstract and reciting the 35 U.S.C. 371 priority information in the application. The Official Action further indicated that prosecution on the merits was otherwise closed.

The present Amendment amends the application to include the 35 U.S.C. 371 priority information and an abstract. It is therefore submitted that entry of the amendment is in order and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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